

Indiana State Board of Nursing

Advanced Practice Nurse Subcommittee Meeting

May 21, 2008 Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Cindy Wilson
Sally Hartman
Teresa Holland
Brenda Lyon
Sean Gorman
Sue Gaebler
Jo Ellen Rust
Susan Rains
Marti Michel
Carolyn Slagle
Laura Snider
Debra Bedwell
Catherine Jones

Marcia Plant Jackson
Kathy Rich
Jennifer Embree
Ernie Klein
Cornelia Hammerly
Dee Swanson
Melinda Swenson
Kathy Hubner
Michelle Treon
Betsy Thompson
Samantha Meeks
Michelle Hines

1. Introductions

2. APN Subcommittee Duties

The Indiana State Board of Nursing voted to create the APN Subcommittee and charged it with developing recommendations on rule changes and other measures for protecting and improving advanced practice nursing in the State of Indiana. The Subcommittee will report to the Board on their progress and recommendations at the regular monthly Board Meeting scheduled for October 16, 2008.

The Indiana State Board of Nursing has the responsibility for adopting rules that prescribe standards for the competent practice of advanced practice nurses and to establish, with the approval of the medical licensing board, the requirements for APNs to receive and renew prescriptive authorization.

The Board does not issue policy statements or advisory opinions, nor do they lobby for or recommend statutory changes. If this Subcommittee identifies areas that it would recommend changes outside the scope of the Board's authority, the Subcommittee members may use the information gathered by this subcommittee to request actions, but they may not do so on behalf of this group.

3. Identification of APN Issues in Indiana

- a. Types of APNs: Indiana rules do not distinguish very clearly the differences between CNS and NP roles. Meeting attendees discussed clarifying the rule language in 848 IAC 4-2 and 3 to more clearly outline the different roles for the respective categories of APNs. Certified Nurse Midwives are not defined in this article along with NPs and CNS's. The meeting attendees discussed the possibility of adding language to the

existing article regarding CNMs. There is a sense of general confusion about the difference in scope of practice between midwives with the limited license and CNMs that rule changes may clear up.

- b. Educational requirements for initial prescriptive authorization: The meeting attendees discussed the pharmacology requirement for prescriptive authority. Currently it is a 2 credit hour of graduate pharmacology course with credit awarded from an accredited college or university. There was some discussion on clarifying this language.
- c. Other requirements for initial prescriptive authorization: The meeting attendees discussed the possibility of requiring a Master's degree for all new prescriptive authorizations. Currently an applicant holding a bachelor's, the graduate pharmacology course, and a national certification may receive prescriptive authority.
- d. License Verification: The PLA's online license verification reports for APNs list the collaborating physician under a field titled "Supervisor". There is discussion regarding the potential difficulty in getting that changed, although the meeting attendees agree that is not an appropriate label for the physician in the collaborative relationship with the APN.
- e. National Council Proposals: Discussion took place on the subcommittee's role in providing the Board with recommendations to Indiana's delegates to the National Council's national assembly in August. The national assembly will be considering the adoption of an APN model rule.
- f. Education and Outreach: The meeting attendees preliminarily discussed the Board's opportunities to reach out those in the nursing profession and the general public to raise awareness of the APN role and the different practice specialties recognized as APNs.
- g. CRNAs: Discussion about the inclusion of CRNAs as an Advanced Practice Nurse. This would require a statutory change outside the scope of the Nursing Board's authority.

4. Prioritization of Issues

No specific priority was assigned for the work assignments agreed to by the meeting attendees for presentation at the next APN Subcommittee meeting.

5. Work Assignments

- a. Nurse Practitioner Rule Definition / Competent Practice: *Melinda Swenson, Dee Swanson, Marcia Plant Jackson*
- b. Clinical Nurse Specialist Rule Definition / Competent Practice: *Jennifer Embree, Brenda Lyon*
- c. Certified Nurse Midwife / Limited Nurse Midwife Clarification Options: *Catherine Jones*
- d. Certification in lieu of Master's Degree for Initial Prescriptive Authority – *Teresa Holland, Sue Gaebler*
- e. Educational requirements for Initial Prescriptive Authority Language Clarification – *Sally Hartman, Melinda Swenson, Sean Gorman*

6. Next Meeting
Wednesday July 9, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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